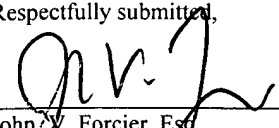


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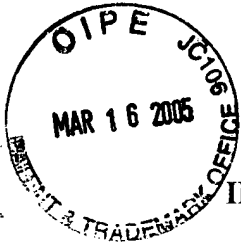
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, without prejudice:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.
- Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment and Response.